

SENATE BILL 703
By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section
36-3-606, relative to protection orders.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-606(a), is amended by deleting the semicolon at the end of subdivision (4), by substituting instead a period, and by adding the following language to the end thereto:

Provided, that within ten (10) days of the awarding of the residence or household to the petitioner a hearing shall be held, at which time the court shall either dissolve the order awarding the petitioner temporary possession of the residence or household or shall extend temporary possession for a definite period of time, not to exceed one (1) year unless a further hearing on temporary possession of the residence or household is requested by the petitioner. If, upon motion of either party, the hearing is extended for good cause, the petitioner shall remain in temporary possession of the residence or household until such time as the hearing is held.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.